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**MARCH 15**  
**Betsy Ross House, 4 – 5:30 p.m.:  
Spring Cleaning for Your  
Historic Home** – Learn from the  
experts the best products and  
techniques to use in cleaning  
your historic house and its  
treasures.  
**FREE** Call (215) 686-1252 to  
register; [betsyrosshouse.org](http://betsyrosshouse.org).

## HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

### MARCH



R. Kennedy for GPTMC

**MARCH 7**  
**National Constitution Center, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.:  
Freedom for All** – In honor of Women's History  
Month, explore the history of African American women  
and their struggles for equality. Interactive shows at  
Noon and 2 p.m., storytelling at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.,  
plus a special craft activity are planned.  
**Free with admission.** (215) 409-6700,  
[constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)

**MARCH 13**  
**Independence Visitor Center, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Meet  
Annie Oakley** – Come and witness the history and  
adventure of Annie Oakley! Represented by a historical  
interpreter, Annie will tell visitors about her life as a  
sharpshooter.  
**Free.** (215) 965-7676, [independencevisitorcenter.com](http://independencevisitorcenter.com)

**MARCH 20**  
**Kosciuszko National Historical Site, 6:00 p.m.: Lecture  
& Book Signing** – Celebrate the site's reopening with  
Gary Nash author of *Friends of Liberty: Jefferson &  
Kosciuszko*.  
**Call** (215) 597-7919 for ticket information. [Nps.gov/tbko](http://Nps.gov/tbko)

### MARCH 28

**Edgar Allan Poe NHS, 2 p.m.: Lecture & Book Signing**  
David Reynolds, author of *Waking Giant: America in  
the Age of Jackson*, will discuss Poe and his times and  
sign his new book.  
**Free.** Call (215) 597-8780 for reservations. [nps.gov/edal](http://nps.gov/edal)

### ONGOING

**The African American Museum in Philadelphia,  
regular museum hours thru 3/8: Soul Soldiers:  
African Americans and the Vietnam Era** – A  
multimedia exhibition examining the impact of the  
Vietnam War on African-American life and culture.  
It explores Black Power, the draft, tours of duty,  
women in Vietnam, family life, and more.  
**Free with admission.**  
(215) 574-0380, [aampmuseum.org](http://aampmuseum.org)

**Christ Church, regular hours: Christ Church in the  
Age of Washington** – Visit the Church attended by  
many of the Founding Fathers, including George  
Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Absalom Jones  
and hear more about events that occurred at the  
"Nations Church" in the 1790s when Philadelphia  
was the nation's capital.  
**Suggested donation \$3 for adults; \$2 students.**  
(215) 922-1695, [christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

**Christ Church Burial Ground, daily on the hour, last  
tour at 3 p.m.: American Artists, Writers &  
Composers Tour** – A look at the creative and talented  
artists who helped to shape the American character.  
**Admission is \$2 for adults; \$1 for students; \$10 groups  
up to 25.** (215) 922-1695, [christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

**Independence Seaport Museum, regular museum  
hours thru 3/22: Black Hands, Blue Seas**  
Expanding beyond the experience of captive  
Africans being shipped across the waters into  
slavery, this exhibit highlights the seafaring heritage  
of African-Americans. Discover centuries-old, West  
African fishing, diving and shipbuilding practices,  
learn about Philadelphia sail maker and social  
activist James Forten and view artifacts heralding  
the role of African-Americans in wartime.  
**Free with admission.** (215) 413-8655, [pbillyseaport.org](http://pbillyseaport.org)

B. Kist for GPTMC

**Independence Visitor Center, 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays:  
Breakfast with Ben** – Families of all ages are invited  
to a breakfast feast with Benjamin Franklin! Pose for  
pictures with this distinguished founding father and  
ask him questions about his life.  
**Reservations are required. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$15 for  
children 3-10.** (215) 965-7676, [breakfastwithben.com](http://breakfastwithben.com)

**National Constitution Center, regular museum hour:  
America I AM: The African American Imprint**  
See the world debut of this exhibition celebrating 500  
years of African American contributions to our country.  
Features more than 200 artifacts from every period of  
U.S. history, interactive components and more.  
**Tickets are \$17.50 for adults; \$15.50 for seniors; \$9 for  
children 4-12.** (215) 409-6700, [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)

**National Constitution Center, Saturdays & Sundays  
12 – 4 p.m.: She Went to War** – Theatrical performance  
based on first-hand accounts of the lives, struggles  
and victories of brave African American women who  
served in World War II.  
**Free with admission to America I AM exhibition.**  
(215) 409-6700, [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)

**National Liberty Museum, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily:  
Women's History Month** – Explore the milestones  
of women's history honoring "sheroes" with self-  
guided tours, family friendly crafts and projects.  
**Free with admission and free Sundays.** (215) 925-2800  
[libertymuseum.org](http://libertymuseum.org)



## Visit the Betsy Ross House this month for family fun!



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**F**ree, family programming is underway at the historic Betsy  
Ross House, 239 Arch Street. After you tour the House, plan  
to stick around to meet Betsy, see our crafters at work and more.

Here's what's on the schedule for March:

**Meet Betsy Ross:** Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
**Meet Charles Weisgerber:** Saturday & Sunday, 3 – 5 p.m.

Starting March 15:

**Colonial Crafter:** Thursday through Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
**Stage Show:** Thursday through Sunday, 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.



Courtesy of INHP





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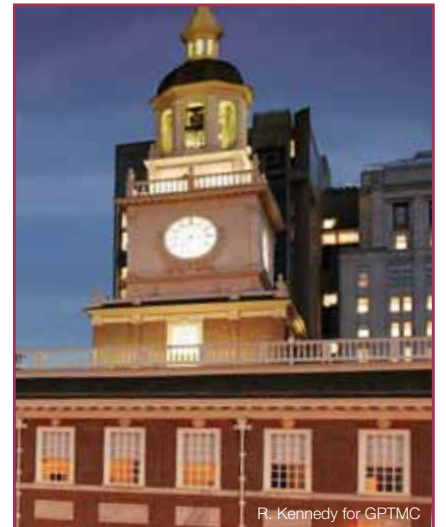
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To see Independence Hall obtain your FREE, timed ticket at the Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market streets. Tickets are available beginning at 8:30 a.m. daily. Early arrivals have the greatest choice of times. Allow about 30 minutes to go through security at 5th and Chestnut streets.

*Note: Use the restrooms in the Visitor Center or across the street from Old City Hall since there are no restrooms inside the secure area.*

## discount at The Betsy Ross House Gift Shop

239 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106



Mention Coupon to receive discount. Offer expires March 31, 2009.



## CITY TAVERN

## "It Takes Two!"

**Two entrees for the price of one!**  
When you present this coupon for lunch or dinner. Valid Sunday through Friday

*\*Only valid with the use of a major credit card.*

*\*Discount will be determined as the least expensive entree.*

*\*Children's meals are considered entrees.*

*Not Valid for prix fixe menus or with any other discounts. Expires Wednesday April 8, 2009.*



## INDEPENDENCE PARK SHOP AND BOOKSTORE



The Pemberton House shop has books, toys, puzzles, souvenirs and postcards. This is a great place to find your own DVD copy of the film *Independence* or the key to Independence Hall plus miniature Liberty Bells and much more.

This store is operated by Eastern National, a not-for-profit partner of the National Park Service.

Proceeds from your purchase help support Independence NHP.

318 Chestnut Street  
Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



HISTORIC SITE & MAP LOCATION

**HISTORIC SITES**

**ARCH STREET FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** **E3**  
320 Arch Street (215) 627-2667  
Mon.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sug. Don.: \$2 ♿

**THE ATHENAEUM OF PHILADELPHIA** **C7**  
219 South 6th Street (215) 925-2688  
Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE

**BETSY ROSS HOUSE** **F3**  
239 Arch Street (215) 686-1252  
Tues.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Adult \$3  
Ch./Stud. \$2 • Audio Guide \$5.

**BISHOP WHITE HOUSE** **E6**  
309 Walnut Street - Closed

**CARPENTERS' HALL** **E5**  
320 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-0167  
Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. FREE

**CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND** **D3**  
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 922-1695  
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 12 noon-4 p.m.  
By appointment only. Admission \$2 • Stu. \$1  
groups \$10

**CITY TAVERN** **F6**  
138 South 2nd Street - (215) 413-1443  
Daily opens at 11:30 a.m. ♿

**CONGRESS HALL** **C5**  
6th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676  
Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. - FREE ♿

**DECLARATION HOUSE** **B4**  
7th & Market Streets - (800) 537-7676  
Closed

**DESHLER MORRIS HOUSE**  
5442 Germantown Ave - (215) 597-7130  
Closed for renovations until April 2009.

**EDGAR ALLAN POE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE** **C4**  
532 North 7th Street - (215) 597-8780  
Wed.-Sun. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿

**ELFRETH'S ALLEY** **F2**  
124-126 Elfreth Alley - (215) 574-0560  
Tue.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. - Noon-5 p.m.  
Museum: Adults \$5 • ages 6-18 \$1 • under 6  
FREE

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA** **C2**  
6th & Arch Streets - (866) 574-3727  
Mon.-Fri. - 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE ♿

**FRANKLIN COURT** **E4**  
314-322 Market Street - (800) 537-7676  
ALL FREE ♿

**Fragments of Franklin Court:** Closed

**Franklin Court Museum Store:** Wed.-Sat.  
10 a.m.-4 p.m., Opens March 11

**Printing Office:** Wed.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Museum:** Wed.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**U.S. Post Office:** Mon.- Sat. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**FRANKLIN SQUARE** **C1**  
6th & Race Streets - Closed

**FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE** **C3**  
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 629-5801  
Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. FREE ♿

**GREAT ESSENTIALS EXHIBIT** **C5**  
West Wing of Independence Hall  
(800) 537-7676 Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿

**INDEPENDENCE HALL** **C5**  
Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th Streets  
(800) 537-7676 - Daily 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.  
Tickets required. Pick up tickets at  
Independence Visitor Center. ♿

**INDEPENDENCE LIVING HISTORY CENTER** **E5**  
123 South 3rd Street, (215) 629-4026  
Mon.- Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿

**INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER** **C4**  
525 Market Street - (800) 537-7676.  
Daily 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. FREE ♿ ♿

**KOSCIUSZKO HOUSE** **E8**  
301 Pine Street - (215) 597-9618, Wed.-  
Sun. 12 noon-4 p.m. **Re-opens Sat. 3/21.**  
FREE

**OLD CITY HALL** **D5**  
5th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676  
Closed

**PHYSICK HOUSE** **E8**  
321 South 4th Street - (215) 925-7866  
Thurs.-Sat. - Noon-5 p.m. • Sun. - 1-5 p.m.  
Last tour at 4 p.m. Gen. \$5 • Stud./Sr. \$4  
Groups over 10 \$3 each • Und. 6 FREE

**PORTRAIT GALLERY AT THE SECOND BANK** **D5**  
420 Chestnut Street - (800) 537-7676  
By one hour tour only - Limit 25 people.  
Meet Ranger at West Entrance:  
Wed.-Sun. - 10:30 a.m.  
Wed.-Fri. - 3:30 p.m.  
Sat. only 3:30 p.m. Illustrated talk on the  
Underground Railroad & Gallery tour  
Sun. only 3:30 p.m. Special Women's History  
month program & Gallery tour

**POWEL HOUSE** **E7**  
244 South 3rd Street - (215) 627-0364  
Thurs.-Sat. - Noon-5 p.m. • Sun. - 1-5 p.m.  
Last tour at 4 p.m. Gen. \$5 • Stud./Sr. \$4  
Fam. \$12 • Under 6 FREE ♿

**TODD HOUSE** **E6**  
4th & Walnut Streets - (800) 537-7676  
Closed

**MUSEUMS**

**AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY (APS) MUSEUM** **D6**  
104 South 5th Street (215) 440-3427  
Closed until 4/17

**AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA** **B3**  
7th & Arch Streets (215) 574-0380  
Tues.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. - Noon-5 p.m.  
Adult \$8 • Ch./Sr. \$6 • Stud. \$6 ♿

**ATWATER KENT MUSEUM OF PHILADELPHIA HISTORY** **B5**  
5 South 7th Street (215) 685-4830  
Closed thru 3/10

**CHEMICAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION** **E5**  
315 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2222  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. FREE

**FIREMAN'S HALL MUSEUM** **F2**  
147 North 2nd Street - (215) 923-1438  
Tues.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE ♿

**INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM** **H6**  
211 Columbus Blvd - (215) 925-5439  
Daily - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Adm. \$9  
Sr./Stud. \$8 • Ch. \$6 • Under 3 FREE. Sun.  
10 a.m.-Noon FREE ♿

**LIBERTY BELL CENTER** **C4**  
526 Market Street - (800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m.- 5 p.m (Must be at security entrance  
by 4:45 p.m.) FREE ♿

**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER** **D3**  
525 Arch Street - (215) 409-6700  
Mon.-Fri. - 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. - 9:30 a.m.  
- 6 p.m.; Sun. - Noon-5 p.m.; Adult \$12  
Senior \$11 • Child & Active Mil. \$8 • Under 4  
FREE ♿ ♿

**NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM** **E5**  
321 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2800  
Tues.-Sun.- 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Adult \$7 • Sr. \$6 • Stud. \$5 • Ch. FREE  
Sunday: Free for individuals and families ♿

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY & CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL** **D4**  
55 North 5th Street - (215) 923-3811  
Mon.-Thur. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Fri. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • Sun. - Noon-5 p.m. FREE ♿

**NEW HALL MILITARY MUSEUM** **E5**  
318 Chestnut Street (800) 537-7676.  
Closed

**PEMBERTON HOUSE MUSEUM SHOP & BOOKSTORE** **E5**  
316 Chestnut Street - (215) 597-8019  
Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 15% discount for  
teachers with ID or proof of teaching FREE ♿

**POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER MUSEUM** **E6**  
308 Walnut Street - (215) 922-1700  
Mon.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE

**U.S. MINT** **D3**  
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 408-0114  
Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE

**OTHER SITES**

**CHRIST CHURCH PHILADELPHIA** **F4**  
2nd Street above Market Street  
(215) 922-1695 Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.;  
Sun. 1-5 p.m. Sugg. Don.: Ad. \$3 • Stu. \$2 ♿

**CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL** **D4**  
44 North 4th Street - (215) 922-5446  
Same building & hours as Nat'l Museum of  
American Jewish History. FREE  
Call for worship service schedule. ♿

**GLORIA DEI "OLD SWEDES" CHURCH**  
916 South Swanson Street (215) 389-1513  
Tues. - Sun., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Mon.  
FREE ♿

**LIGHTS OF LIBERTY** **C5**  
Liberty Center  
6th & Chestnut Streets - (215) LIBERTY  
Mon.-Sat.-10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun.-11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**MIKVEH ISRAEL CEMETERY** **A7**  
823 Spruce Streets - (215) 922-5446  
FREE Summer Tours 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
(Tues.-Fri, & Sun.) Rest of year - By appoint-  
ment only.

**MOTHER BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH** **C9**  
419 South 6th Street - (215) 925-0616  
Tues.- Sat. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. - Open for Services.  
Donation suggested. Tours by appointment.

**OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH** **E1**  
4th & Race Streets - (215) 922-4566  
Tours by appointment. FREE ♿

**OLD PINE PRESBYTERIAN CH.** **D8**  
412 Pine Street - (215) 925-8051  
Mon.-Fri. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. - Open for  
Services; Closed daily 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. FREE ♿

**OLD ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH** **D1**  
4th Street at the Ben Franklin Bridge  
(215) 627-1838  
Tours by appointment. FREE ♿

**OLD ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE** **E6**  
321 Willings Alley - (215) 923-1733  
Call for hours & tours. FREE

**OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH** **D7**  
252 South 4th Street - (215) 923-7930  
Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Open for Services or by appointment. FREE

**ST. GEORGE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** **E1**  
235 North 4th Street - (215) 925-7788  
Mon.-Fri. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun. groups by appointment only. FREE

**ST. PETER EPISCOPAL CHURCH** **E8**  
3rd & Pine Streets - (215) 925-5968  
Mon.-Fri. - 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sat. - 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Sun. open until 3 p.m. after services. FREE ♿

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The Independence Park Institute offers a variety of hands-on education programs for school groups, community groups and teachers.

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Park maps are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian and Spanish. There is information in several languages about the Liberty Bell and other park sites. See a Ranger or ask at the Visitor Center if you have a specific request.

 **Accessibility**

Park buildings, programs, films and exhibits are accessible via curb cut-outs, ramps, text/photo albums describing second floor displays, verbal presentations, park folders in Braille and large print tour brochures, pamphlets and booklets, park-wide signage featuring text and graphics, open captioning and assistive listening devices.

To arrange for American Sign Language services, please contact us at least two weeks in advance. Use the relay service (800-654-5984-TTY) to call (215-597-7130).

